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In re Application of:

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☐6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) ☐ is attached hereto or ☐ appears below.

- ☐ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
- ☐ 9. Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

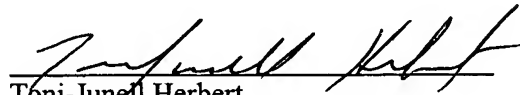
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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	AB1	6,234,940	05/2001	Fotsis			
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	AE1	6,253,944	07/2001	Osten			
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	AB2	6,386,414	05/2002	Kilduff			
	AC2	6,394,328	05/2002	Zakarin			
	AD2	D459,877	07/2002	Laprise			
	AE2	6,416,109	07/2002	Tyrer et al.			
	AF2	6,435,392	08/2002	Kennedy			
	AG2	6,443,405	09/2002	Han			
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